(c) whether there have been demands that the scheme be extended to cover cotton, fruits and sugarcane crops also ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Most of the districts in the States/U.Ts of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Andaman and Nicobar, Delhi , Goa, Daman & Diu and Pondicherry which are implementing the scheme are covered by Crop Insurance Scheme. There may, however, be a few districts in these States/U.Ts where the scheme may not have been implemented on account of non-availability of reliable yield data. It is expected that all districts in the implementing States would be covered during 1986-87.

(b) No, Sir. There are separate Cattle Insurance Schemes.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Demand and availability of Ferro Chrome

1091. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a committee to assess, the demand and availability of Ferro Chrome;

fo) if so, what are the details of the same including its terms of reference and its time frame; and

(c> whether it is a fact that the off-take of Ferro Alloy is low and thn the induftry is working only at 50 persent of the installed capacity

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A copy each of Department of Steel's letters No. l(9)/86-IL dated the • 18th March and 9th April, 1986 constituting the Committee and indicating its terms of reference is given below. *(See below)*

The Committee co-opted a representative of the Indian Ferro Alloys Producer's Association, Bombay, as its member.

The report of the Committee has since been received.

(c) The capacity utilisation during 1985-86 of the units which reported their production to the Iron and Steel Controller was approximately 69 percent of their licencsed capacity.

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Government of India

MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES

Department of Steel

18 *March,* 1986

The Iron & Steel Controller, 234/4 Acharya Jagdish Bose Road, Calcutta-20.

Subject : Demand and availability of Ferro Alloys—Long term planning for—Setting up of a Committee to consider the

Sir,

I am directed to say that it has been decided to constitute a Committee to consider the question whether further capacity of ferro-chrome etc. is required to be created to meet the likely demand of this item for the indigenous Stainless industry. The composition of the Committee will be as follows ;—

1. Iron & Steel Controller . . . Chairman

2. Industrial Adviser (Deptt. of Steel) . Member
3. A representative of Steel Furnace Association of India . Member
4. A representative of Alloy Steel Producers Association . Member
5. A representative of M/s. FACOR Member
6. A representative of IDC, Orissa . Member
7. A representative of SAIL . . . Member
8. Industrial Adviser T&SC, Office Calcutta . . . Member, Secretary

The Committee may *inter alia* determine the likely demand of high carbon & low carbon ferro-chrome/charge chrome by the year 1989-90 the likely availability of these products from the licensed producers and the need for setting up additional capacity for the production of these items. The Committee may submit their report within a period of 2 months.

The Secretarial functions of the Committee will be carried out by the Industries Division of the Office of the Iron & Steel Controller, Calcutta.

Yours faithfully,

Sdj-

(R. M. GUPTA)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

No. IL-l(9)/86

Government of India

, MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (DEPARTMENT OF STEEL)

New Delhi the 9th April, 1986

The Iron and Steel Controller,
234/4, Acharya Jagadish Bose Road,
Calcutta-700020.

Subject : Demand and availibility of Ferro Alloys—Long term planning for—Setting up of a Committee to consider the

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 18th March, 1986 on the above subject and to request in addition to the assessment of the likely demand of high carbon and low carbon ferro-chrome charge, the Committee may also assess the demand and availability of extra low carbon ferro chrome

Yours faithfully

Sdj-

(R. M. GUPTA)
Under Secretary to the Government of India

Effectiveness of insecticides

1092. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that more than 250 species of insects, including moths and butterfly larvae which feed on cabbages, and many kinds of beetles and flies which prove harmful to agricultural produce have developed resistance to insecticides such as DDT, Cyanides, etc.

(b) whether any mixture of insecticides has been developed to prevent these insects from developing resistance ; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are proposed to be taken to popularise the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) . (a) Yes Sir, more than 250 insect species of agricultural importance have been reported resistant to insecticides world over, out of which eight ape reported from India. Except a single report on the failure of DDT to control diamond back moth, there is no true resistance of DDT known in insects infesting cabbage.